

MEMORANDUM

TO: Psychological Strategy Board
FROM: C. D. Jackson
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The following idea is submitted for consideration:

A great Free World Congress -- to be held in Paris or one of the other international centers--as a natural follow-up to the President's April 16 speech, and as an effective means of demonstrating our solid command of the initiative.

If handled in the right way, it could have tremendous world impact.

Representative citizens groups from all free nations would be present. The theme would be the true Peace Plan, as expressed in Eisenhower's "highway to peace". His "five precepts" (attached) would be bannered prominently in different languages around the meeting hall.

The Congress would run for a full week. Its proceedings would build up a powerful case for the side of the angels.

There would be "let's get on with it" resolutions covering the major points in the President's speech -- Korean armistice, end of aggression in Indo-China and Malaya, Austrian treaty, free and united Germany, disarmament with U.N. control, prohibition of atomic weapons, international fund against poverty, free choice of government for the satellites.

In addition, there would be resolutions covering:

1. Calling upon the Soviet Union to return all World War II prisoners.
2. Introducing irrefutable scientific evidence of the colossal falsehood of the germ warfare charges, and calling upon the Soviet Union to cease any and all campaigns of this kind which have the effect of hindering and blocking the working out of the true Peace Plan.
3. A whole series of resolutions based on DDE's statement:
"We are ready ... to strive to foster a broader European community, conducive to the free movement of persons, of trade, and of ideas."
 - a. Calling upon the Soviets to lift the ban on the two-way flow of newspapers, periodicals, and books.

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- b. Calling upon the Soviets to permit the free movement of exchange students, scholars, scientists and tourists--in both directions.
 - c. Calling upon the Soviets to lift the restrictions on private and commercial correspondence--in both directions.
 - d. Calling upon the Soviets to abolish press censorship, permitting the free movement of correspondents and writers--in both directions.
 - e. Calling upon the Soviets to cease jamming Western radio transmission, pointing as evidence of good faith to the fact that the Free World has never interfered with Soviet or satellite broadcasts to the West.
 - f. Calling upon the Soviets to permit the emigration of persons with near relatives abroad, Jews to Israel, etc.
- 4. Calling for the removal of the controlling hand of government from labor unions behind the Curtain, and the establishment of free and secret balloting in all unions.
 - 5. Deploing the discrepancy between the rule of law in the free world and the rule of dictatorship in the Soviet Bloc. (Citing the doctors' case as typical of their system of legalized frame-up.)
 - 6. Calling for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain and an end to persecution. (Mindzenty, etc.)

The resolutions, in each case, would be worked out and submitted by the appropriate group: the International Student Committee on the exchange of students, the international scientists on the exchange of professional people and scientific data, the Free Journalists on the lifting of bans on information, the International Chamber of Commerce on the free flow of trade, the World Federation of Women's Clubs on the lifting of postal restrictions and permitting of CARE packages to go through, the World Veterans Federation on the termination of hostilities in Korea and Indo-China and disarmament, the International Congress of Jurists on the violation of human rights by Soviet law, escapees from Soviet slave labor camps on the release of World War II prisoners and other persons illegally held, international religious organizations on religious freedom, the International Red Cross on establishment of a developmental agency to eliminate starvation and disease.

Reuter and other Free World symbols would make stirring addresses, with the sound of the Freedom Bell piped in, and other dramatic gimmicks. The President and Prime Minister Churchill probably should not appear in person, but rather should send appropriate messages on tape.

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John-Paul David and Mme. Patenotre are keen about something of this sort. If the opposition tries to break it up, they would be tearing down the world's real program for peace!

As to timing: an effective moment would be the week preceding the opening of the fall session of the United Nations in Geneva.

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The whole operation would, of course, be geared in with Cabot Lodge's plans for the Geneva U.N. session.

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EISENHOWER'S FIVE PRECEPTS

First: No people on earth can be held -- as a people -- to be an enemy, for all humanity shares the common hunger for peace and fellowship and justice.

"Second: No nation's security and well-being can be lastingly achieved in isolation, but only in effective co-operation with fellow-nations.

"Third: Any nation's right to a form of government and an economic system of its own choosing is inalienable.

"Fourth: Any nation's attempt to dictate to other nations their form of government is indefensible.

"And fifth: A nation's hope of lasting peace cannot be firmly based upon any race in armaments but rather upon just relations and honest understanding with all other nations."

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